

REMARKS

This response is intended as a full and complete response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 7, 2007. In the Office Action, the Examiner notes that claims 1-11 are pending and rejected. By this response, Applicants have amended claims 5 and 10 to correct antecedent basis issues unrelated to patentability. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claims 3-11 are rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,651,252. The Examiner further finds that claims 1 and 2 of this application equate to claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,651,252. Responsive to the Examiner, the Applicants herein file a terminal disclaimer to overcome the non-statutory obviousness-type rejection. As such, the Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

THE SECONDARY REFERENCES

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to Applicants' disclosure than the primary references cited in the Office Action. Therefore, Applicants believe that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this Office Action.


CONCLUSION

Thus, Applicants submit that all of the claims, presently in the application, are in allowable form. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Eamon J. Wall or Jimmy Kim, at (732) 530-9404, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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